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Re: U.S. Application Serial No. 10/752,933
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Dear Kim:

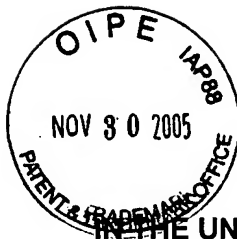
Enclosed please find a copy of a Petition For Extension of Time, Amendment Transmittal and Amendment which we prepared and filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

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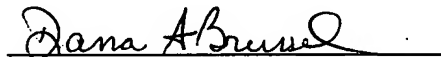
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